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Fire Claims the Life of Church Point Woman

Church Point, LA- State Fire Marshal H. “Butch” Browning released information today in reference to the tragic death of a woman in her mobile home that caught on fire.

The Church Point Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched at 2:58pm to 437 Leonie Street for a report that a residence was on fire. Firefighters arrived minutes later to discover the home burning and the lone occupant in the yard. A neighbor had rescued this lifeless body from the fire before the arrival of first responders. Firefighters and police officers immediately attempted to resuscitate 47 year old Elaine Thibodeaux Faul. Despite their attempts she was pronounced dead at the scene by the Acadia Parish Coroner.

The State Fire Marshal’s Office is actively investigating for the reason why this fire occurred and also the cause of this death. The home did have a smoke alarm installed however the battery had been removed prior to the fire. Fire Marshal Browning stated, “We have no conclusion at this time but will be working throughout the weekend in hopes of finding more answers. We are once again investigating a fire death in a home without working smoke alarms; let this be a wake up call of the importance on these lifesaving devices”.

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